(c) Hindi –21,012

English –31,504

Rock Garden in Karnataka

2399. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) The number of Rock Gardens for collecting marvelous rocks in the country for tourist attraction;

(b) whether Government have laid down certain guidelines for setting up such gardens in the country and financial assistance provided by Government therefor;

(c) whether Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance for setting up a Rock Garden in the State as the rocks are available in the State abundantly; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Based on the information available with the Department of Tourism there is a Rock Garden which is on the Northern fringe Chandigarh city and adjacent to the Sukhna Lake, called Chandigarh's Rock Garden, an internationally famous creation.

(b) Development and promotion of tourist Centres/places including Rock Gardens is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned. The Central Department of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritised in consultation with them every year. There is no separate guidelines to provide funds for Rock Gardens only.

(c) Such proposal for setting up a Rock Garden, where rocks are collected and displayed has not been submitted by the State Government of Karnataka.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of tourism spots in Andhra Pradesh

2400. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought the assistance of the Centre to play the role of a facilitator and supporter in promoting tourism in